

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 2011 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Miranda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Endo-Roberts, Korman,
Miranda, Rische, and Vice-Chairperson Bunting.

Absent: Commissioner Shwarts and Chairperson Candioly.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport,
Cultural Services Senior Supervisor Bell, and
Building Regulations Administrator Segovia.

Due to the absence of Chairperson Candioly, Vice-Chairperson Bunting led the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved to grant Commissioner Shwarts and Chairperson Candioly excused absences for the August 15, 2011 Commission meeting. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2011

Commissioner Korman noted the following correction to the July 18, 2011 meeting minutes: Page 2, paragraph 2: "Commissioner Endo-Roberts recommended that she go to see the artwork at Torrance Memorial Hospital."

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved for the approval of the July 18, 2011 Commission meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Shwarts and Chairperson Candioly).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

None.

7. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7A. FELIPE SEGOVIA, BUILDING REGULATIONS ADMINISTRATOR

Manager Rappoport introduced the item and welcomed Building Regulations Administrator and Building & Safety Manager Felipe Segovia with the Community Development Department.

Manager Segovia provided a presentation on current and future development projects in the City. He described projects along Hawthorne Boulevard that include two Chick-fil-A restaurants, El Pollo Loco, In 'N Out, Ultima Fighting Championship gymnasium and arena, Audi dealership, Fresh 'N Easy, Walmart, small retail shopping center, private school and real estate office, a mixed-use project, and assisted living Sunrise project.

Responding to Commissioner Miranda's inquiry regarding Del Amo Mall, Manager Segovia stated that Simons is in the process of selecting an architect.

He showed a rendering of plans for Torrance Memorial Hospital's seven-story medical tower on Lomita Boulevard, adding that a parking lot is planned across the street at the former Honeywell site. He stated that 18 separate buildings are planned for the vacant land behind Costco, described the three new restaurants, office building, and apartment units in downtown Torrance, and provided an update on the car dealerships along Pacific Coast Highway. He noted that a new hydrogen fueling station opened on 190th Street and Van Ness Avenue and that Little Company of Mary is expanding onto the former Daily Breeze site.

In response to Commissioner Korman's inquiry, he stated that the only affordable housing project that he is aware of is the one being considered on Cabrillo Avenue just north of Carson Street.

8. ON-GOING BUSINESS

8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS SUBMISSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Commissioner Endo-Roberts, Excellence in Arts Committee chairperson, presented recommendations in the seven categories being considered for 2011 awards.

The first category under consideration was Literary Arts, with a nomination submitted by Commissioner Shwartz. A brief discussion centered on whether a Commissioner is allowed to make a nomination. Manager Rappoport clarified that the Guidelines do not state whether a Commissioner may or may not submit a nomination and recommended that the Committee review the Guidelines and determine how they want to recommend moving forward. It was decided to defer voting on the Literary Arts category until the September 19, 2011 meeting.

Commissioner Korman discussed the nominations in the Music category and presented her recommendation to award L.A. Vocal Core.

MOTION: Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to accept the nomination for an Excellence in Arts Award to L.A. Vocal Core in the category of Music. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Shwartz and Chairperson Candiotti).

It was decided to also defer voting for the Visual Arts & Design and Dance categories until the September 19, 2011 meeting.

Manager Rappoport suggested that the Committee also discuss whether a previous awardee can win an award in the same category again.

Commissioner Miranda presented his recommendation to award Cary Jordahl in the category of Drama & Theatre Arts.

MOTION: Commissioner Korman moved to accept the recommendation to award Cary Jordahl an Excellence in Arts Award in the category of Drama & Theatre Arts. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Shwartz and Chairperson Candiotti).

Commissioner Rische discussed her recommendation to nominate Kenneth R. Tuxford for an Arts Education award, noting that the award would be given posthumously as Mr. Tuxford died in May 2011.

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved to accept the nomination for Kenneth R. Tuxford for an Excellence in Arts award in the category of Arts Education. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Shwartz and Chairperson Candiotti).

Commissioner Endo-Roberts presented her recommendation to award Jean Adelsman the Katy Geissert Award.

Commissioner Miranda moved to accept the nomination for Jean Adelsman for an Excellence in Arts award in the category of the Katy Geissert Award. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Shwartz and Chairperson Candiotti).

8B. UPDATE ON WILSON PARK AMPHITHEATRE PROJECT

Manager Rappoport reported that the Facilities Committee met on August 2, 2011 to review preliminary bids for Phase I of the Amphitheatre project. She stated that there is concern about the use of pavers for the stage surface and that the landscape architect is researching alternatives. She stated that the next step is to hire a geo technical firm to conduct core samples from the site and that results would come back to the Commission for review. She was pleased to announce that on August 10, 2011 the Parks and Recreation Commission voted to direct Facilities funds for the project.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9A. 2010-2011 COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Manager Rappoport presented the draft Commission Annual Report and recognized former chairperson Endo-Roberts for her assistance in developing it. Minor corrections were offered and it was noted that the report would be forwarded to City Council at its September 27, 2011.

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved to approve the Cultural Arts Commission Annual Report for July 2010 through June 2011 as amended. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Shwartz and Chairperson Candiotti).

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

10A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Previously discussed in Item 8A.

10B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

No report.

10C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

No report.

11. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

11A. Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for July 2011 was included in agenda packets.

11B. Manager Rappoport reported that City Council has asked that the Cultural Arts Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission to hold a joint meeting in October 2011 to discuss why cultural and recreation classes are offered, if they should generate revenue, and what kinds of classes should be offered.

11C. Commissioner Korman inquired about impacts on the Cultural Arts Center now that Torrance Theatre Company will not be using the Nakano Theatre.

Manager Rappoport responded that it is assumed that a renter would fill the space so there should not be an impact and that the change would have a positive impact in downtown Torrance.

Commissioner Endo-Roberts asked staff to bring back a cost comparison of rental fees for the Nakano Theatre and the downtown space.

11D. Manager Rappoport announced that Torrance Theatre Company's production of "Chicago" opened on August 13, 2011 to rave reviews.

12. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

12A. Commissioner Miranda stated that he and his in-laws enjoyed "Chicago."

12B. Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she enjoyed Baker's Dozen at Torrance Art Museum, Concert in the Park and art exhibit at Columbia Park, and opening night of "Chicago."

12C. Commissioner Rische stated that she enjoyed "Chicago" and Baker's Dozen at Torrance Art Museum and discussed a scamming scheme that her family experienced.

12D. Commissioner Bunting discussed visits to the Hammer, a French culture exhibition at the Getty Museum, and commercial galleries.

12E. Commissioner Korman stated that "Once Upon a Mattress" was marvelous and that she also enjoyed "Chicago." She distributed flyers and encouraged Commissioners to attend Torrance Symphony's "Pops" concert on August 28, 2011 at Wilson Park.

12F. Senior Supervisor Bell announced her 21st anniversary on August 13, 2011.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: At 8:20 p.m., Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Vice-Chairperson Bunting so ordered.

Approved as Submitted September 19, 2011 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
